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an interface for receiving signals in establishing a communication connection, the communication connection being initiated by an initiator using a communications apparatus, one or more data elements in the data source which are associated with the initiator being located based on an identifier in the received signals which identifies the communications apparatus;

a receiver for receiving from the initiator a request for taking an action concerning a selected one of the data elements through the established communication connection, the action being associated with an access right requirement;

a processor for identifying an access right of the initiator concerning the selected data element; and

a device for taking the action when the access right of the initiator meets the access right requirement.

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41. (Amended) A system for providing a communications service using a database comprising:

an interface for receiving from a user a request for communicating with a desired party;

a first device for searching the database for contact information concerning the desired party to which a communication connection is to be established for the user, the contact information being associated with an access right requirement concerning disclosure of the contact information;

a second device for establishing the communications connection based on the contact information;

a processor for identifying an access right of the user; and

a controller for allowing disclosure of the contact information to the user when the access right of the user satisfies the access right requirement.

47. (Twice Amended) A method for maintaining a data source for use in directory assistance comprising:

receiving signals in establishing a communication connection, the communication connection being initiated by an initiator using a communications apparatus, one or more data elements in the data source which are associated with the initiator being located based on an identifier in the received signals which identifies the communications apparatus;

receiving from the initiator a request for taking an action concerning a selected one of the data elements through the established communication connection, the action being associated with an access right requirement;

identifying an access right of the initiator concerning the selected data element;

and

taking the action when the access right of the initiator meets the access right requirement.

66. (Amended) A method for providing a communications service using a database comprising:

receiving from a user a request for communicating with a desired party;

searching the database for contact information concerning the desired party to which a communication connection is to be established for the user, the contact information being associated with an access right requirement concerning disclosure of the contact information;

establishing the communications connection based on the contact information;

identifying an access right of the user; and

allowing disclosure of the contact information to the user when the access right of the user satisfies the access right requirement.